Abraham Lincoln,
President of the United States of America,

To His Majesty Kamehameha IV.

Great and Good Friend:

I have made choice of
Mr. James W. B. Pride, one of our distinguished citizens, to reside near the government of the Kingdom of Hawaii in the quality of Minister Resident of the United States of America. He is well informed of the relative interests of the two countries, and of our sincere desire to cultivate and strengthen the friendship and good correspondence between us, and from a knowledge of his fidelity, probity and good conduct, I have entire confidence that he will render himself acceptable to Your Majesty, by his constant endeavors to preserve and advance the interest and happiness of the two countries. I therefore request Your Majesty to receive him favorably and to give full credence to whatever he shall say to you on the part of the United States, and most of all when he shall
assure you of their friendship and wishes for the prosperity of your kingdom. And I pray God to have Your Majesty always in His safe and holy keeping.

Written at the City of Washington the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Your Good Friend,

By the President:  

Abraham Lincoln.

Secretary of State.